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**To:** [George Schmahl - NOAA Federal](#); [Keeler, Barbara](#)  
**Cc:** [Wilson, Scott](#); [Larsen, Brent](#)  
**Subject:** RE: FW: FR Proposed NPDES GP for O&G Western Outer Continental Shelf, GOM  
**Date:** Monday, May 15, 2017 2:57:00 PM

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George,

You may have known that I am the OCS GP permit writer and Brent is my section chief. Please include Brent, Barbara and me in the call. Brent's number is 214-665-7523 in case you want to talk to him directly. Thanks.

**Isaac Chen**  
**NPDES Permits & TMDL Branch**  
**Permitting Section**  
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**From:** George Schmahl - NOAA Federal [mailto:george.schmahl@noaa.gov]  
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Barbara - thank you very much for the notice on this! I appreciate the heads up.

Isaac / Brent: I would like very much to schedule a call in the near future to discuss this as it relates to the Flower Garden Banks NMS and potential expansion. Please advise who is the most appropriate point of contact to begin this conversation.

Thanks! GP

On Fri, May 12, 2017 at 6:36 AM, Keeler, Barbara <[Keeler.Barbara@epa.gov](mailto:Keeler.Barbara@epa.gov)> wrote:

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From: Larsen, Brent  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 10:25 AM

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OCS General Permit Federal Register Notice published today and the OCS draft permit and fact sheet are up on the Regulations.gov docket page: <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EPA-R06-OW-2017-0217>

Sincerely,

Brent E. Larsen  
Chief, Permitting Section (6WQ-PP)  
NPDES Permits and TMDL Branch  
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Evelyn was planning on putting the OCS documents up around 8:30 today last I heard.

Sincerely,

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Evelyn is working from home today, so someone else needs to make those documents on live. She is contacting the person.

Isaac

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I didn't find anything in the docket for the permit. Any ideas?

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Link to html of FR notice: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-05-11/html/2017-09508.htm>

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-R06-OW-2017-0217; FRL-9961-96-Region 6]

Notice of Proposed NPDES General Permit; Proposed NPDES General  
Permit for New and Existing Sources and New Dischargers in the Offshore  
Subcategory of the Oil and Gas Extraction Category for the Western  
Portion of the Outer Continental Shelf of the Gulf of Mexico  
(GMG290000)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

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SUMMARY: The Water Division Director of Region 6 today proposes to  
reissue the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)  
General Permit No. GMG290000 for existing and new sources and new  
dischargers in the Offshore Subcategory of the Oil and Gas Extraction  
Point Source Category, located in and discharging to the Outer

Continental Shelf offshore of Louisiana and Texas. The discharge of produced water to that portion of the Outer Continental Shelf from Offshore Subcategory facilities located in the territorial seas of Louisiana and Texas is also authorized by this permit.

This draft permit proposes to retain, with certain modifications, the limitations and conditions of the existing 2012 issued permit (2012 permit). The 2012 permit limitations conform with the Oil and Gas Offshore Subcategory Guidelines and contain additional requirements to assess impacts from the discharge of produced water to the marine environment, as required by section 403(c) of the Clean Water Act.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by July 10, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R06-

OW-2017-0217 to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting

comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or withdrawn. EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (i.e. on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full

EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Evelyn Rosborough, Region 6, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733. Telephone: [\(214\) 665-7515](tel:2146657515). Email: [rosborough.evelyn@epa.gov](mailto:rosborough.evelyn@epa.gov) <<mailto:rosborough.evelyn@epa.gov>>.

A complete draft permit and a fact sheet more fully explaining the proposal may be obtained online from the Federal eRulemaking Portal by accessing the Docket listed above or from Ms. Rosborough. In addition, the Agency's current administrative record on the proposal is available for examination at the Region's Dallas offices during normal working hours after providing Ms. Rosborough 24 hours advance notice.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Public meetings and hearings on the proposed permit will be held during the comment period. EPA will publish public hearing times and places in the following newspapers: Houston Chronicle and New Orleans Advocate. The meetings will include a presentation on the proposed permit followed by the opportunity for questions and answers. The public hearings will be held in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 124.12. At the public hearing, any person may submit oral or written statements and data concerning the proposed permit. Any person who cannot attend one of the public hearings may still submit written comments, which have the same weight as comments made at the public

hearing, through the end of the public comment period.

Public meeting and hearing times and places could be found online from the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov> with Docket ID No. listed above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Other statutory and regulatory requirements are discussed in the fact sheet that include: Oil Spill Requirement; Ocean Discharge Criteria Evaluation; Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act; National Environmental Policy Act; Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act; Endangered Species Act; State Water Quality Standards and State Certification; Coastal Zone Management Act; Paperwork Reduction Act; and Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Dated: April 7, 2017.

David F. Garcia,

Deputy Director, Water Division.

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